



November 22, 2019

Dear friends,

As the holiday season approaches, our partners in Nicaragua are working harder than ever to implement vital projects in their communities. Here in New Jersey Peaceworks is trying to meet this year's funding goals to help support their work. And while we still have a ways to go, we want to express our gratitude to all of you who have stepped up to help us out.

**Supporting Women's Empowerment**

For example, just this past week the "Focus for Health" Foundation made a \$5,000 grant commitment to the Axayacatl Women's Collective. And the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin, OH had a rummage sale that netted \$4000 for Axayacatl. This year, as the collective is struggling to find the resources it needs, these donations will support women fleeing domestic violence and help them start self-sustaining and income generating projects.

**Spreading the Word**

And, of course, we need to give a shout out to our friends who have made grants like these possible. Friends like Brooks Smith, a force of nature who is constantly making connections and talking up the work of our Nicaraguan partners. He inspires others to help fight poverty and gives them concrete ways to build peace.

**PEACEWORKS**  
**HOLIDAY WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA**  
 FRIDAY-SUNDAY DECEMBER 6-8

FRI EVENING - SUN MORNING DECEMBER 6-8TH  
**"GIFTS OF CONSCIENCE"**  
**HOLIDAY FAIR**  
 Morristown Unitarian Fellowship  
 21 Normandy Heights Rd  
 Morristown

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 6:30PM  
**PEACEWORKS' HOLIDAY PARTY**  
 Friends Meeting in Chatham  
 158 Southern Blvd, Chatham

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH, 4:00PM  
**"AN O. HENRY CHRISTMAS"**  
**THEATRE PERFORMANCE**  
**& BENEFIT FOR AXAYACATL**  
**WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE**  
 The Presbyterian Church of Madison  
 19 Green Ave., Madison

## Safe Water for Families

Which brings us to Skip Winter. Not only do Brooks and Skip make their own significant personal donations, this summer they inspired the First Presbyterian Rahway to donate \$6,000 for the FEDICAMP “Turning in the Taps in Yalagüina” Water Project. In fact, we are only around \$10,000 shy of our \$30,000 goal to get the work going and the water flowing. Please consider making a donation to push us over the top.

## A Fresh Start for Street Children

Did you also hear that the Emmaus Spiritual Community donated \$12,000 in October to help create low-cost, affordable homes for graduates of Inhijambia’s program for street kids? That grant was made possible by Micha Loughlin - the same Micha that co-chairs our events committee and will make the hot chili for our holiday party on December 7th. She’s obviously as good with words as she is in the kitchen.



*"A lot of women are coming to our Monday meetings," was the original caption to this photo. In most cases, PeaceWorks applauds a good turn out. But at the Axayacatl Women's Collective, many of these women are confronting extreme poverty and abusive spouses. Thanks to the kindness of people in our network, over the past few weeks PeaceWorks has raised \$9000 for Axayacatl.*



*The Emmaus Spiritual Community donated money to build three low-cost homes in 2017 for graduates of the Inhijambia Program for Street Kids. They've just donated \$12,000 to buy land for three more homes!*

## Utilizing Tax Breaks

Marilyn and Maurice Devroye went out of their way...again... this year with \$11,000 in donations. Now retired, they took advantage of one of the few remaining federal tax incentives that allows people 70 and a half years-old and up (70.5+) to direct a portion of their IRA's to PeaceWorks and not pay taxes on it. Want to learn more? Just let us know. Meanwhile, thank you, dear Marilyn and Maurice.



*Thank you to everyone who helped us pack and ship 879 boxes and items of humanitarian aid shipment for our partners in Nicaragua. In record time our 76<sup>th</sup> shipment has arrived with used bicycles, medical supplies, furniture, sporting goods, sewing supplies, office equipment, tools and so much more!*

### **Join the PeaceWorks Holiday Weekend!**

First, start at the “Gifts of Conscience” Holiday Fair at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship - Friday night through Sunday morning. PeaceWorks members Don and Newly Preziosi will have a table of crafts and coffee, alongside a dozen other socially-minded organizations, like the Grupo Cajolá in Guatemala, with creative gifts for your friends and loved ones.

### **December 7th Holiday Party**

Second, On Saturday, December 7th, don’t miss the PeaceWorks Holiday Party, 6:30pm at the Friends Meeting in Chatham! Delicious food and drinks will include Micha’s famous Chile and exquisite desserts by our friend Frieda Solow.

### **Theatre Performance to Benefit Acayacatl**

And finally, On Sunday afternoon, December 8th, there will be a holiday theatre performance and fundraiser for Axayacatl: “An O. Henry Christmas.” We hear it is a beautiful, thoughtful, well-produced play. 4pm at the Presbyterian Church of Madison, 19 Green Ave., Madison, NJ

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# Our Holiday Wish List!



**Scholarships:  
Inhijambia Program  
for Street Kids**

Cost: \$2000/student.  
Our goal: 10 students

**100 Pigs and Goats:  
Axayacatl Women's  
Collective**

Cost: \$150/pregnant pig  
Cost: \$50 /goat



**Water for 174 Rural  
Families & 15 Schools  
"Turn on the Taps in  
Yalagüina" Water Proj-  
ect with FEDICAMP**  
Our goal: \$30,000.



**Return 1000 Baby Turtles  
to the Sea  
Palo de Oro Sea Turtle Sanctuary**

\*1000 baby turtles. Cost: \$3/egg.  
Our goal: \$3000



**Start-Up Grants for Working  
Street Kids and Women Escaping  
Domestic Violence for Inhijambia  
& Axayacatl Women's Collective**

\*100 small business grants. Cost:  
\$200/person. Our goal 200 grants!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and we look forward to spending time with you this holiday season.

Peace on Earth,  
Denis, Diane, John, Micha, Maggie, Susan, Marilyn and Guy  
The PeaceWorks Board

I'd like to make the PeaceWorks' Holiday Wish List come true. Here's  
 \$50    \$75    \$100    \$150    \$250    \$500    \$1000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

I'd like to make a general support donation to PeaceWorks:

\$50    \$75    \$100    \$150    \$250    \$500    \$1000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_